Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Lena Sievers was born on May 5, 1910, to George and Elisabeth (Frey) Sievers, at Bridgewater, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Lena spent a period of time working in California factories, later returning to South Dakota where she spent many years working in restaurants; and,

Whereas, Lena did beautiful embroidery work and was an accomplished pianist and organist, playing by ear; and,

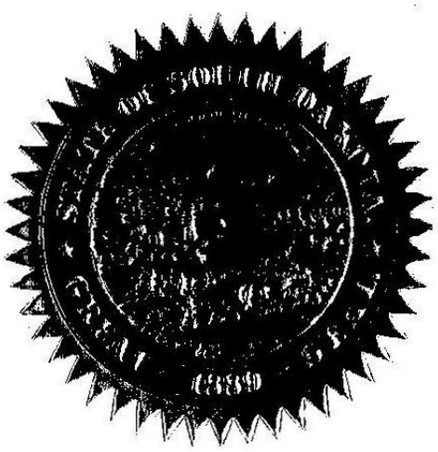
Whereas, Lena will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on May 8th at the Sunchase Apartments in Watertown and again on May 15th at the home of her niece, Lillian Leitheiser, in Sioux Falls, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2010, as

LENA DERSCHEID DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State